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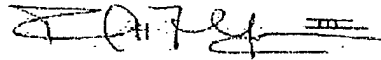
**Transmittal Letter and Petition for Extension of Time**

Applicant: Reichert  
Serial No.: 10/613,256  
Filing Date: July 3, 2003  
Examiner: Amiri, Nahid  
Art Unit: 3679  
Confirmation No.: 4893

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

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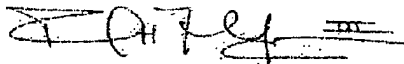


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1. Transmitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a response to the Final Office Action in the above-identified application. The RCE fee of \$405 is enclosed.
2. The Applicant has submitted an amendment in response to the Final Office Action and respectfully requests the Amendment to be entered and considered.
3. Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response after the Notice of Appeal to and through October 2, 2008, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of two months (\$245).
4. An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(4).

Total Additional Fee Due for this Amendment: \$650.00 Credit Card Authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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